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NO STATE BAN ON T WHARF SCHEME

Governor Has Conference With Cole and Board of Port Directors—Move- ment Not Yet Considered Serious Enough to Demand Attention.

That the state can do nothing to pre-
vent the return of the fish dealers from
the new Commonwealth pier at South
Boston to T wharf was agreed yester-
day at a conference between Governor
and Chairman John N. Cole of
"Boom Boston" committee, and
Board of Port Directors.

Since it became known that many of
the smaller dealers are dissatisfied with
the rates and rules of the new pier and
are making efforts to get back to the
old wharves, the question has arisen as
to how far the movement might jeop-
ardize the investment which the state
made in the new pier. Even the
Board of Health has been called
upon to give its aid in the preventing T
wharf from being used again.

There is some question, however,
as to whether the board of
health, as to how far the board of
health could go in the matter. It is an
open question as to whether the courts
will rule against the business being
carried on at T wharf, provided that
the premises met the necessary san-
itary requirements.

A discussion seemed to make it
clear that the movement was not yet
serious enough to receive attention
from the authorities. The dealers who
have gone back to T wharf are for
the most part those who do a small
amount of business and sell to the
heart men; these latter are not
expected to carry on their business at
T wharf.

The Governor pointed out that as far
as the selfish interests of the state are
concerned it has nothing to lose in any
case. Under the contract with Fish
Dealers' Association if any breach
of contract occurs through bad
weather or for any other reason, the
state buildings on the wharf revert
to the Commonwealth.

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There were several days that the fishermen
could not get on the deck, so rough
were the seas. He said that the bliz-
zard of the last of March could not
be called a blizzard, as, instead of
snow or hail, good sized pieces of ice
were falling, keeping the men inside
the schooner all the time. During the
blizzard the schooner was permitted
to drift about, as it was too severe for
a man to be kept at the wheel. The
Claudia will remain at Portland until
today, when she will again set out for
the banks.

Herring were reported in all direc-
tions Thursday, the steamer Florence
and Mildred bringing up 70 barrels
from Boothbay, while the steamer
Alice and the schooner Carana each
landed 50 barrels, taken off Boon Is-
land, where the fish are reported in
great plenty, several additional catch-
es being expected from that locality
last night. The market fish landed
Thursday were mostly from the small
boats, most of the larger sized vessels
planning to haul out this week to fit
out for swordfishing, the Topsail Girl
being the last one to do so. The
schooner Eleanor arrived from Boston
Thursday, where she has just landed
63,000 pounds of market fish, one of
the best catches made this spring by
any of the local vessels. Capt. Lube
will make one or two more trips before
fitting out for swordfishing.

TO INVESTIGATE DOG FISH PEST

Secretary Redfield Recommends Favorable Action on the Hinds Bill.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield has
recommended immediate and favor-
able action on the Hinds bill to in-
vestigate methods of exterminating
dogfish. He expressed disapproval of
the bounty or fertilizer projects and
urged value of dogfish as food. Sec-
retary Redfield praised the Hinds bill
as a valuable legislative measure.

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NO LIFE TO THE MARKET TODAY

About Everything at New Fish Pier Today Will Go to Splitters.

Arrivals at Boston this morning
were four in number, being two steam
trawlers, one off shore and one shore
sailing craft.

The market was extremely dull, sch.
Leonora Silveria with 90,000 pounds
not taking off her hatches. She start-
ed for this port to take out to split.

Wholesale quotations were \$1 to \$1.50
a hundred for haddock, \$2.40 for large
and \$1.50 to \$1.75 for market cod, \$1.75
for hake.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail
are:

Str. Long Island, 34,000 haddock,
3000 cod.
Sch. Lenora Silveria, 2500 haddock,
40,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 700 haddock,
54,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Str. Wave, 31,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Haddock \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large
cod, \$2.40; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75;
hake, \$1.25.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large,
\$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5;
medium, \$4.50.
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50;
mediums \$4.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2;
snappers \$1.50.
Haddock, \$2.00.
Hake, \$1.75.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium,
\$2; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium,
\$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100
pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.25.
Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20
snappers, 50c.
Pollock, \$1.
Fresh halibut, 10c lb. for white, and
8c lb. for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for
bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.50 to salt.
Fresh mackerel, 11c per lb.

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SIX FARES HERE FOR THE KNIFE

Shore Boats Did Fairly Well Yesterday—Small Lot of Herring In.

The low prices in Boston sent a large
number of the market fleet here to
split, six trips coming down since yester-
day's report, including one of the
steam trawlers.

Steamer Anna T., brought in 30 bar-
rels of herring, while the Italian boats
and gill netters did fairly well yester-
day. Of the latter, the Medomak had
4500 pounds and the Dolphin, 5500
pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail
are:

Sch. Stranger, via Boston, 28,000 lbs.
fresh fish.
Sch. Albert W. Black, via Boston,
55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Rose Standish, via Boston, 20-
000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston,
60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, via Boston,
40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Anna T., seining, 15 bbls. fresh
herring.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 4500 lbs.
fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 5500 lbs.
fresh fish.
Italian boats, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh
fish.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, via Boston.
Sch. Spray, via Boston, 40,000 lbs.
fresh fish.

NETTERS STILL DOING WELL

A special to the Times this morning
from New York states that 20,000
fresh mackerel were at Fulton dock
today. The fish are all large and sell-
ing at 15 cents apiece.

These fares were reported:
Hockomock, 15,400 fresh mackerel.
Motor, 4500 fresh mackerel.
Rattler, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sangataula, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Natalie, 600 fresh mackerel.
Mabel E. Leavitt, 2500 fresh mack-
erel.
Hester, 2100 fresh mackerel.
Golden Eagle, 1400 fresh mackerel.
Lizzie Foster, 700 fresh mackerel.
Hester, 700 fresh mackerel.
L. Totman, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Clara Benner, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Joanna, 3500 fresh mackerel.
Sylvester, 700 fresh mackerel.
Alice, 900 fresh mackerel.
Ada Morse, 2400 fresh mackerel.
Maud F., 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Reliance, 1100 fresh mackerel.
Mildred, 600 fresh mackerel.
Part of the above arrived yester-
day.

The traps at Newport this morn-
ing took 28 barrels of fresh mack-
erel, which were shipped to Boston.

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Portland Fishing News.

Being experiencing some of the
weather imaginable the Glou-
cester schooner Claudia ar-
rived Thursday. Captain An-
drew reports that when the
Columbian burned and sank
in Scotia, he was within 200
feet of the accident. He also said
the weather experienced while he
was in the banks was the most se-
vere he has experienced in a his
life as a fisherman, and that there

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COMPLAINS OF THE BEAM TRAWL

Schooners arriving at Halifax, N. S., from the banks recently report fine catches. The Ella M. Rudolph hauled for 30,000 pounds of fresh fish which was sold to the North Atlantic Fisheries at five cents a pound.

The schooner Matanza, Captain Wentzell, discharged some 7000 pounds of fresh halibut and had 170 quintals of cod in salt, which she will not discharge until her arrival at LaHave. After taking on some fresh bait the Ella M. Rudolph cleared again for the banks.

Captain Wentzell stated that they would have done much better had it not been for the fishing of a beam trawl which was fairly dredging the very bottom of the ocean and scooping up everything. He said that so long as this type of vessel existed, fishing schooners would stand no chance and that the fishing industry would eventually be ruined if the trawl was allowed to continue her work of destruction. Not only did this scraping of the sea bed destroy the young fish but also ruined the feeding grounds. Capt. Wentzell hoped, like many other masters, of fishing schooners, that the assurance of our government to the United States that the use of this destructive fishing gear would be prohibited in Canada and Newfoundland if the United States government would join in this form of protection of that inexhaustible harvest of the North Atlantic Fisheries—inexhaustible so long as they are fished in the present economical way, but by no means inexhaustible so long as this gear was permitted.—Halifax Chronicle.

USED A GAFF TO CATCH HALIBUT

Mel Darling of South Portland is sure some fisherman. While out in his Hampton boat Thursday fishing about 12 miles south southeast of White Head he was greatly surprised at seeing a big halibut on top of the water in close proximity to his boat. Mel just reached for him with his gaff and got a good firm hold, and although the fish struggled desperately in his efforts to escape he was quickly subdued and in less than 15 minutes was hauled aboard the boat. On reaching Portland the fish was landed at Daggett's on Portland pier, weighing with his head on a trifle over 200 pounds. On cleaning a miscellaneous lot of articles were found in the stomach, including pieces of trawls and a bunch of about a dozen cod hooks. It was a pretty good day's work for the stalwart fisherman, he having quite a lot of market fish in addition to the big one.

Here to Fit For Seining.

Sch. Nellie Dixon is down from Boston to fit for mackerel seining under Capt. Rufus McKay.

STRONGLY DENIES FISH MONOPOLY

Boston Fish Exchange Head Asserts Object Is Not to Control Prices or Prevent Competition—Old T Wharf Plan Raises Wordy Row.

Fish dealers at the new fish pier in South Boston are indignant over the statement of John White, Jr., of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation to the effect that a fish monopoly exists. After a meeting of the directors of the Boston Fish Market Corporation Saturday, William K. Beardsley, manager of the fish exchange, made a formal denial of the charges of monopoly.

"There is not now and never has been," said Mr. Beardsley, "a monopoly of the fish industry. Monopolies in products as perishable as fish are not easily obtained. The scope of the business; the uncertainty of the market make a monopoly impossible.

Explains Methods.

"All fish sold here is sold at auction. And the competition between those wanting fish is keen. We do not permit any one to come in and buy, for the reason that the exchange is responsible for every contract made on its floor. If a man buys a cargo of fish at a certain price he is obliged to keep his agreement with the skipper. If he does not the exchange takes the fish off the captain's hands and pays him the price agreed. We will not bar any reputable wholesale fish dealer from the exchange floor. If his financial standing is satisfactory he can do business here. We have space to rent now. We asked every wholesale fish dealer in Boston to come over to the new pier. They cannot call that monopoly. Those who took advantage of the offer are satisfied. We can accommodate more and will be glad to do so.

"The quarter of a cent tax on fish cargoes bought by members referred to by Mr. White is held as a sort of trust fund. Eventually it is returned to the members. It is primarily to be used for improving the business. But not a cent will be spent without the consent of the man owning the money. We recently returned to members of the exchange a large sum.

Driven from T Wharf.

"A tax of 1 per cent. is levied on the sale price of each skipper's catch. But the exchange handles most of the clerical work connected with the sale and furnishes the skipper with money in bills of denomination that makes payment to the crew easy.

"So far as the state and city officials are concerned I think it is an insult to them to say they are attempting to aid us establish a monopoly. They hounded us for years at the old T wharf

and were largely responsible for our coming here. They wanted the fish business out of Atlantic avenue. The city officials were tired of having well dressed people ruin their clothes. The sanitary conditions there cried to high heaven. Now they are rid of the fish business, and it is not to be expected they will look with favor on any attempt to re-establish it there."

"This Exchange was formed in 1908, and incorporated to regulate the dealings between the fishing captains and the wholesale fish dealers."

"If the captain does not see fit to accept the highest bid he leaves his fish aboard his vessel and goes to some other market. Thus last week, nearly a dozen vessels went to Gloucester with their catches, as their captains were dissatisfied with the prices offered here.

"Once the fish is in the dealers' hands, it is his. He makes his own price on it. There are 45 separate firms on this pier, and investigation will show that there is hardly a day when two of them are offering fish at the same price. Since the organization of this Exchange, a financially sound, reputable wholesale dealer could always get a ticket to the Exchange. We have many members who are not stockholders.

"The State co-operated with us in the construction of this pier and is in a way responsible for our being here. It is neither reasonable nor just to assert that the State is co-operating with private interests seeking to form a monopoly.

"Visitors are always welcome to this pier, and the inside workings of the New England Fish Exchange are always open for their inspection."

Must Keep Up to New Standard.

"What the dealers now doing business at the new wharf demand is that fish houses elsewhere shall maintain the same high standard of sanitation that is maintained here," said a prominent dealer at the new wharf Saturday.

"The dealers here have put themselves to great expense to build and equip a rat-proof and germless fish-market, in response to oft-repeated complaints from the health authorities that T wharf and its surroundings were unfit for the purposes of landing, storing and packing fish. Besides the great initial expense of building the pier and superstructure, our running expenses are double or treble what they were on Atlantic avenue.

"It only seems reasonable, therefore, that fish markets elsewhere in Boston should be compelled to toe the line. The Resolute will carry it out."

same mark. To permit others copy the quarters from which driven out is manifestly unfair.

What Mr. White Said.

Mr. White had been quoted as saying: "It may not be generally known that the wholesale dealers in fish organized a combination among themselves, the object of which is to control prices and prevent competition by outsiders. About five years ago the New England Fish Exchange was formed, and the membership was restricted to certain firms, with the object of exercising a control over the distribution of all fish landed in Boston."

Cape Shore Fleet Sighting No Schools.

No mackerel schools have been sighted by the fleet down on the Cape Shore, although several vessels on the grounds, all patiently waiting the spurt.

From Liverpool, D. C. Mulholland that the weather there Friday was easterly and a dense fog prevailed. Weather indications pointed to a clearing Saturday.

New York Arrivals.

At New York this morning 22,000 fresh mackerel were landed by the netters as follows:

Conquest, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Holly, 600 fresh mackerel.
Charlotte, 1800 fresh mackerel.
W. H. Reed, 3200 fresh mackerel.
Reliance, 800 fresh mackerel.
Wood and Mack, 300 fresh mackerel.
Anna, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Golden Eagle, 400 fresh mackerel.
Jessie, 150 fresh mackerel.
Priscilla, 600 fresh mackerel.
Florida, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Clara T., 2100 fresh mackerel.
Lear C., 1100 fresh mackerel.
Lucy B. Winsor, 1700 fresh mackerel.
W. H. Clements, 600 fresh mackerel.
Diana, 1800 fresh mackerel.
Harry and Thelma, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Trap Took Mackerel.

The Cranberry Head trap at mouth took three large mackerel. The Sanaford trap eight last Thursday.

Seiners at Liverpool, N. S.

The following seiners were at Liverpool Wednesday and cleared:
Veda M. McKown, Imperator, E. Harty.

Last Year's Catch to Date.

The catch of mackerel by the fleet to date is 4936 barrels compared with 5674 barrels at same time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the fleet to date is 2061 barrels week ending May 21, 1913. This compares with 2224 barrels week ending May 21, 1912.

Will Be Overhauled.

Sch. Commonwealth, Captain Watts, has taken off her drive and will go on the ways for an overhaul.

Being Repaired.

Str. Quoddy is at Vincent having her forward deck planked and other repairs made.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask is at Portland today with 7000 pounds fresh halibut.